

BIG DANUBE BRIDGE REPORTED IN RUINS

**Said to Have Been Blown Up
by the Retreating Ru-
manian Army.**

WIN A VICTORY IN WEST

LONDON, October 26, 1:08 p.m.—A Rome dispatch to the Wireless Press says it is reported from Bucharest that after the evacuation of Tchernavoda by the Russians and Rumanians the bridge over the Danube at that point was blown up by the Rumanians.

The situation of the defeated Russo

Rumanian army in Dobruja appears slightly less critical in the light of today's official report from Petrograd which describes the pressure of Field Marshal von Mackensen's armies as somewhat weakened.

into two parts with the fall of Tchernavoda, some of the troops escaping over the great bridge across the Danube, while the others fled northward in

SECRETARY BAKER TO ACT ON HALF HOLIDAY SOON

**Digest of Reports on Saturday
Question by Heads of Bureaus
Has Been Presented Him.**

not yet been able to act in the matter of the proposed Saturday half holiday in the government departments in this city, but expected to do so in a short time.

time. Chief Clerk Scofield has laid before him a digest of the reports on the question made by the heads of all the bureaus of the War Department.

Reports favoring the Saturday half holiday proposition were made by Adj. Gen. McCain, Gen. McIntyre, chief of the insular bureau; Gen. Weaver, chief of the Coast Artillery Corps; Gen.

Screven, chief signal officer; Col. Chamberlain, acting surgeon general; Col. Bethel, acting judge advocate general; Gen. Sharpe, quartermaster general who said he favored the principle, but did not advise its application at this particular time, and Gen. Black, chief of engineers, who suggested, however, that the time granted be charged against the annual leaves of the employees.

Gen. Garlington, chief of the inspector general's department, were the only bureau officers who reported against the proposition. Their opposition was based on the argument that they needed more clerks to keep up with the current work of their bureaus, which had been greatly increased by recent legislation.

PRESIDENT'S RE-ELECTION

Returns From Tour in Middle West Refuses to Discuss Remarks on Revolutionary Troops.

Secretary Baker spent a few hours in this city today. He arrived here this morning from a campaign tour to the

The newspaper men had a very brief meeting with him at the War Department in the forenoon. They endeavored to have him make some statement in explanation of the speech made by him in New Jersey, in which he is alleged to have said that the situation in the middle west and in the early afternoon meeting for Martinsburg, W. Va., where he will make a political address tonight. He was enthusiastic over the general political situation and predicted a victory for the democrats next month. Everywhere he had been the sentiment was, he said, was for the re-election of President Wilson.

leged to have said that revolutionists were all alike and that the followers of Villa in Mexico were no worse in their methods of warfare than the troops under Gen. Washington in the revolutionary war.

"No comment to make," was Secretary Baker's terse reply to every question about the matter.

"Were your remarks endorsed by the

President and cabinet?" he was asked. "Nothing to say," replied Mr. Baker with a Mona Lisa smile, as he closed the interview and walked away.

STREET CARS RUNNING AGAIN.

Service Resumed in Yonkers After Interruption of a Month.

YONKERS, N. Y., October 26.—With four policemen on each car and with citizens warned by a proclamation by Mayor Lennon to keep off the streets, transit service was resumed by the

The trips of the first cars were attended by no violence. Citizens refused to ride, apparently fearing trouble. Automobiles, carrying police, moved in front of and behind each car.

Apparently the sections remaining in the Black sea province have finally been able to make something of a stand against the onrush of the Bulgarians, Germans and Turks north of the Constantza-Tchernavoda line.

In reply to a question in the house of commons regarding the situation in Rumania, David Lloyd George, war secretary, said:

"We and our allies are working in concert, and everything that is possible

is being done to help Rumania. It is obviously undesirable to detail more exact measures that are being taken.

BUCHAREST, October 26, via London.—The capture by the Rumanians of Mount Kerekharas, on the Transylvanian front, south of Bicas, was announced today by the war office. In the Oltuz valley fighting continues beyond the Rumanian frontier.

The Austro-German forces have now been driven everywhere beyond the

western frontier of Moldavia (the northern province of Rumania), the statement says. Their losses were very heavy.

The war office says there is nothing to suggest that the enemy is in any way exhausted.

Pressure Is Less Severe.

PETROGRAD, October 26, via London 12:52 p.m.—The pressure of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army in Dobruja against the Russian and Rumanian

On the Transylvanian front, the statement says, Rumanian troops arrested the progress of superior Austro-German forces.

Von Mackensen Pushing On.
BERLIN, October 26, by wireless to
Saxville.—Field Marshal von Macken-

saytime. Field Marshal von Mackensen is progressing with his operations against the Russo-Rumanian armies in Dobrudja, the war office announced today. The bridge over the Danube has been blown up by the Rumanians, the announcement states.

German and Russian Views

**as to Rumania's Situation,
Following Dobrudja Defeat**

BERLIN, October 26, by wireless to
Sayville, N. Y.—"The capture of Tchern
navoda by Field Marshal von Macken

"The right wing of the combined Bulgarian, German and Turkish force marched on after the taking of Com-

stanza and in a powerful push advanced twenty kilometers (about twelve miles) beyond that place. From that moment the capture of Medjidie was only a question of a few hours, as the town was threatened on the flank. The Russo-Rumanian position thus being rolled up from the east, the western

Stood Before Bridgehead.

Tchernavoda, which then had to serve as a cover for the hasty retreat of the defeated Russians and Rumanians. Today the railroad line from Constantza to Tchernavoda is completely in the hands of the victorious allies, constituting with the valuable material in

"The defeated army was separated into two parts. Those who did not remain on the battlefield or were not taken prisoner saved themselves by locomotives and railroad cars taken with it, a first-class base of strategic operations. All this material was abandoned by the fleeing Russians and Romanians.

Guns Dominate Bridge.

bridge is the largest in all Europe. Its total length across both branches of the Danube and the swampy and frequently impassable terrain traversed being seventeen kilometers. It was completed in 1896.

Tchernavoda line by Kumania the transport of provisions from Russia will have to be conducted over two minor and less efficiently equipped railway lines in Moldavia or by way of the Danube ports of Galatz and Ibraila, which are by no means comparable to Constanza. At the same time the most important route for artillery

transportation by way of the railway from Constantza to Bucharest is virtually eliminated. All shipments must go by way of Ibralla and Ploesci. "The military situation for the Rumanians during the past two days has become more critical, especially as the Germans and Austro-Hungarians al-